President.—Questions and answers are over. Now, we shall proceed with the next item.

The allotment of time for discussing resolutions.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Before entering into the next business, I may be allowed to bring one fact to the notice of the President. Considering the work we have been able to turn out in this meeting, I want to make some suggestion with regard to the arrangement of business for the Council meetings. We have not been able to consider any of the resolutions which are of public interest. The present arrangement of business is completely unsatisfactory.

President.—We have not been wasting a single minute.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—A day or two may be set apart purely for the discussion of resolutions as is done in other Legislative Councils. The arrangement of business is completely within the power of the President.

President.—We are giving priority to the Bills; after the Bills, resolutions are to be taken up.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—At least a day or two may be set apart purely for the discussion of resolutions or a certain amount of time on all days.

President.—But our legislative work will suffer.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Having regard to the legislative work, we may set apart a day or a few hours daily for the discussion of resolutions.

President.—In the previous meetings we were able to devote more time for resolutions. Due to the contentious nature of the Bills which we have been considering, we were not able to go through any of the resolutions this time. The circumstances of this meeting are peculiar.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Hereafter, I think it is likely that the number of Bills, official and non-official, will increase, so that resolutions may not come up at all.

President.—That is to say, even though we do not get through Bills, a particular time is to be allotted for resolutions.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—May I suggest the afternoons for the resolutions?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the last budget session, we had not time enough to consider even a single resolution.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—This time also.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the last legislative meeting we considered only three resolutions of as much public importance as some of these Bills, which could not be postponed. I think, in

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the interest of the public, a few afternoons may be set apart for the discussion of resolutions. In this connection, we, the non-official Members of the House, are submitting a loyal memorial to you this afternoon. Either two full days or the afternoons of all the days may be devoted for the resolutions; that is my suggestion.

President.—We have to devote the first hour from 11-30—12-30 for questions and answers. Then, we have got only an hour and a half in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon Thus in all there are $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours at our disposal, unless some adjournment motion comes and takes away an hour and a half. Such is the state of things. Of course, I do not know why nobody suggested that we may have a longer sitting.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have suggested that.

President.—I do not know whether the Heads of Departments will agree to it. They would complain that their work is in arrears.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, that is the case. When I go after the Council, so many petitioners are waiting for me to represent their grievances. A few minutes back, when I went out, a petitioner was waiting for me.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The officer may transact his business in the tent or some other place. There was a ruling from the President to that effect.

President.—That is only for office work. Some of them have to do out-door work also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is for this that I have suggested the appointment of Ministers. (*Laughter.*)

President.—We have 25 days in all in a year. Out of these 25 days, 10 days are taken up for the budget, and there remains only 15 days, and out of this 15 days, a fairly good amount of time is taken up by the Bills. But the Heads of Departments complain that they are pinned here for all these 5 days; and that they have not the liberty to go and come as the non-official Members.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I can understand the difficulty, and I am not raising that point. What I propose is that two afternoons may be set apart for resolutions.

President.—So that you get four hours in a session; that is, 12 hours in the whole year. That is only reasonable.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then, there is the question of Party formation, which will reduce the number of speakers. But the number of Bills may increase.

President.—But speeches may be reduced.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Party does not think it necessary that all the questions should be asked. Only such questions as are approved by two-thirds of the Members should be taken as Party question; not all.

President.—Some of these questions are silly and out-of-the-way ones.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, you are right. Only important questions which the majority of the Party might approve of shall be taken as a party question.

President.—That I can easily understand.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There are a number of Bills given here. Some require notice for leave to introduce and some for introduction. Now, Sir, if a chance is lost, we have to apply again. In some cases, we do not reach the stage of introduction at all, even after 6 or 7 meetings. We are not given a chance, and when at last the introduction is over, the Bills are postponed, because there are many Government Bills to be considered. I do not say that the Government are bringing them unnecessarily.

President.—So far as the Government's work in this meeting is concerned, it has taken up only two days. This sitting is an exceptional one. The Nambudiri Bill takes up all the time.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What if we increase the number of days by four or five days more?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In the course of one year, the non-official Members get only 6 or 7 days for their business, according to the present arrangement. It is quite insufficient to transact the work. In Madras and other places, they have got special time and days for these things. It is the Government Bills that take up the whole time. For example, the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill is coming up for the next time. It would take up a long time.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Special meetings may be called for that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Why not we sit during the night? The Parliament sits all night.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—We can sit till 6 or 7 p. m.

President.—That is all impracticable.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—These adjournment motions also take up much time. Why not we settle that there can be only one adjournment motion during a sitting?

President.—In the Assembly they are having at least 2 or 3 adjournment motions every day. When that was complained of by Sir Charles Innes, the President said that, if adjournment motions are brought like that, they will be taken serious notice of. Each day they have some 3 or 4 adjournment motions. The first day of the last sitting they had 2 or 3 adjournment

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motions. They bring so many adjournment motions, because only on 9 Council days have they got the chance of bringing adjournment motions. At other times they have not got, and so, if you do not allow them, their right is rather curtailed.

A query regarding the deletion of certain remarks of Dr. A. R. Menon.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You have promised us that matters which have not taken place in the Council will not be included in the official report. The remarks of Dr. A. R. Menon about the Kuriarkutti Hospital has found a place in the official report. I don't know whether you have come to any conclusion.

President.—Somehow or other it has been included in the Proceedings. Anyhow, if it is wrong, it will be rectified. Whatever is not stated in the Council should not find a place in the report. It is not proper.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I request that an order may be issued to that effect. That is all what is needed.

The Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill.

President.—Now, we will take up the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I second it.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The Nambudiri Kudumba Bill.

President.—Now, we will take into consideration the Nambudiri Bill. We have passed clause 2 completely. We will take clause 3. Is there any amendment?

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—May I be allowed to move an amendment, Sir?

President.—What is the amendment?

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—I beg to move that clause (3) be made as clause 3 (1), and that as explanation to that section the following":

" Management includes the collection of the *pattam*, *michavaram* and renewal fees, interest due to the *Illam* on any debt and such other recurring income due to the *Illam*".

I also beg to move that the following may be added as clause 3 (2): —

" Any payment to the manager for the time being or his recognised agent of any sum mentioned in the explanation to clause 3 (1) above shall be as effectual as payment to the *Illam*."

President.—Is it necessary to make a statement that he has got the right of management, which right includes the receiving of all the income of the family and the granting of receipts for

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